

REMARKS

The application has been amended. In particular, claims 5, 6, 9-41, 48 and 49 have been canceled. Claim 42 has been amended to include subject matter from allowed claim 49, where the components of the multiprotein complex are from *S. cerevisiae*. Claims 43 and 44 have been amended to recite that Upf2 protein (claim 43) and Upf3 protein (claim 44) are *S. cerevisiae* components. Claim 45 has been amended to include sequence identifier numbers. The abstract has been replaced to reflect the language of amended claim 42. Finally, the paragraphs beginning at page 7, line 1, page 38, line 9 and page 57, line 17 have been amended to include sequence identifier numbers.

Allowable Claims

The Examiner has indicated that claim 49 would be allowable, but is objected to since it depends upon a rejected base claim.

Claim Objections

Claim 45 has been objected to for not complying with sequence rules, since no sequence identifiers are recited. Claim 45 has been amended to include sequence identifier numbers.

Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §112, Second Paragraph

The Examiner has rejected claims 42-48 under 35 U.S.C. §112, Second Paragraph for their recitation of the terms "Upf1", "Upf2" and "Upf3". Each of these rejections has been addressed in the amendments presented herewith. In particular, the Examiner acknowledges that the *S. cerevisiae* Upf1, Upf2 and Upf3 proteins are known in the art. Therefore, Applicants are not required to recite the entire phrase for which these abbreviations are used.

Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §112, First Paragraph

Written Description Rejection

The Examiner has also rejected claims 42-48 under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, for allegedly failing to comply with the written description requirement.

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In an effort to advance prosecution of the present application, Applicants have amended independent claim 42 to include subject matter from allowable claim 49. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the written description rejection.

Enablement Rejection

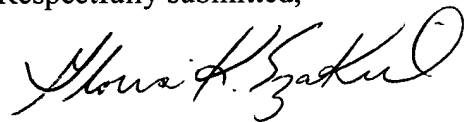
The Examiner has further rejected claims 42-48 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, for allegedly not being enabled.

In an effort to advance prosecution of the present application, Applicants have amended independent claim 42 to include subject matter from allowable claim 49. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the enablement rejection.

Summary

Applicants submit that the present application is in condition for allowance. Entry of this amendment, reconsideration and favorable action are respectfully solicited. Should the Examiner have any questions regarding this Response or wish to discuss this matter in further detail, she is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned agent at the telephone number set forth below.

Respectfully submitted,



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